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# BOARD ACTIONS

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- Cities of
- Carlsbad
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- Del Mar
- El Cajon
- Encinitas
- Escondido
- Imperial Beach
- La Mesa
- Lemon Grove
- National City
- Oceanside
- Poway
- San Diego
- San Marcos
- Santee
- Solana Beach
- Vista
- and
- County of San Diego

ADVISORY MEMBERS

- Imperial County
- California Department of Transportation
- Metropolitan Transit Development Board
- North San Diego County Transit Development Board
- United States Department of Defense
- San Diego Unified Port District
- San Diego County Water Authority
- Baja California/Mexico

**DRAFT FINAL ARJIS/SANDAG CONSOLIDATION PLAN:** La Mesa Mayor Art Madrid updated the Board on efforts to consolidate the Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) with SANDAG. The Draft Consolidation Plan was discussed. The consolidation effort is viewed as beneficial for SANDAG, ARJIS, the community, and regional public safety activities. The Plan's goal is to benefit the region by bringing a seamless public safety policy and a uniform approach to public safety functions. The Board will make its decision on the Final Plan at its December 19 meeting. *(Item #18: Staff contact, Pam Scanlon, (619) 533-4204 or psc@sandag.org)*

**FINAL 2030 CITIES/COUNTY GROWTH FORECAST:** The Final 2030 Cities/County Forecast is the benchmark for the first Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). It forecasts an increase of a million people, 439,000 jobs, and 314,000 housing units by the year 2030. The forecast reflects the likely distribution of growth across the region based on adopted land use plans and policies of the 18 cities and the most recent information from the County's general plan update (GP2020). The final forecast updates the Preliminary 2030 Regional Growth Forecast approved by the Board in October 2002. The final forecast will be brought back to the Board for approval in December. *(Item # 19. Staff Contact: Paul Kavanaugh, (619) 595-5349 or pka@sandag.org.)*

**COMMUNITY BASED OUTREACH FOR REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Representatives from local community-based organizations updated Directors on their participation in public outreach for the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). Five organizations received grants from SANDAG to conduct outreach and secure input from low income and minority communities, from persons with disabilities, and other residents who typically are not well represented in the regional planning process. This outreach program resulted in feedback from more than 1,100 residents. The feedback was used in developing the actions and policy objectives in the draft RCP. Representatives from Able-Disabled Advocacy, NAACP North San Diego County, and the Union of Pan Asian Communities thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the process and emphasized the need for ongoing programs that allow for underrepresented communities to be involved in regional planning. The representatives committed to continued involvement with SANDAG. The two other organizations that participated in the community outreach process are All Congregations Together (ACT) and Barrio Station. *(Item #20: Staff contact, Anne Steinberger, (619) 595-5337 or ast@sandag.org)*

**COBRO ANNUAL REPORT AND CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Board heard a report from COBRO Chair Elsa Saxod on the success of the 2003 Annual Conference - *Homeland Security: Challenges and Opportunities for the San Diego-Northern Baja California Region*. The

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**Upcoming Board Meetings**

*Board of Directors  
December 19, 2003*

- Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan
- SANDAG/ARJIS Consolidation Plan

conference was attended by representatives of business, government, non-profit organizations, the military, law enforcement, education, and special interest groups. The Board approved the Borders Committee recommendation to promote the San Diego border region to the Department of Homeland Security and Congress as the ideal test site for new homeland security efforts. Additionally, the Board asked the Consul General of Mexico in his SANDAG advisory capacity to promote the recommendations to the appropriate authorities in Mexico. *(Item #17. Staff contact: Hector Vanegas, (619) 595-5372 or hva@sandag.org)*

**PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS:** The Transportation Project report now will be presented quarterly. This report presents updates for July – September 2003. A groundbreaking ceremony was held November 20 to mark the start of construction on the I-15 Managed Lanes/Bus Rapid Transit Project...Construction continues on SR 56 with estimated completion of this east-west corridor scheduled for July 2004...Construction continues on the I-5/I-805 widening project ... Environmental work continues on the SR 76 four-lane conventional highway from Melrose Drive to Mission Road ...Three working group meetings have been held for the North/South Transportation Facility Corridor Study. The group will make recommendations for policy direction regarding study approach to the Transportation Committee in early 2004. Construction of the East Village Stations continues with construction completion scheduled for June 2004 ... The City of Carlsbad has completed the bid package for phase two of the Rancho Santa Fe Road Widening Project. Completion of the project is scheduled for January 2006 ... The next segment on the San Diego Bayshore Bikeway is scheduled for completion in March 2004. Caltrans has installed a Closed Circuit Television Incident Identification System on parts of I-15, I-805, and SR 163. This system will transmit traffic incident information to the Traffic Management Center for action by response teams ... Participation in the Vanpool Program continues to increase, growing 34 percent in the last year. Currently 302 vanpools carry more than 2,800 commuters each day. *(Item #12: Staff Contact, José Nuncio, (619) 595-5619 or jnu@sandag.org)*

**SAN DIEGO & ARIZONA EASTERN (SD&AE) RAILWAY REOPENING:** The Board approved accepting up to \$1.6 million in funds to develop a business plan for reopening the SD&AE Railway. Funds would come out of \$10 million that was appropriated for the SD&AE Railway as part of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The SD&AE Railway corridor will provide east-west freight connections for the San Diego region and Northern Baja California. The line has been closed east of Tecate since 1983. *(Item #11: Staff contact, Mike Hix, (619) 595-5377 or mhi@sandag.org)*

**Other Actions:** The Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) recently honored SANDAG with a national award for technical merit in metropolitan planning for its *Planning and Designing for Pedestrians* guidelines. Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Sessom accepted the award on behalf of SANDAG at AMPO's annual meeting. *(Item #15: Staff contact, Stephan Vance, (619) 595-5324 or sva@sandag.org)*

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